



Fly Friendly Zone (FFZ) E-Mail Update

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Dear Falcon Neighbors and Tenants,

Three new updates to share with you this week:

1. **Falcon Field Ad-Hoc Task Force:** The new task force convened for the first time last week. One item discussed was the purpose of the task force. The group concluded that the task force includes a cross-section of key stakeholders to:
 - a. Share information and perspectives openly and constructively
 - b. Work toward reasonable rules that balance good neighbor policies and airport business/economic needs, and to
 - c. Serve as information conduits to help the community stay informed.The task force plans to meet, as needed, to discuss the Airport Master Plan, overview of budget and legal issues, reasonable rules for training operations, offsetting infrastructure costs/impacts, and other topics. The task force includes three members of the community, three tenant representatives, one representative from Sabena, and City staff as resources and support.
2. **Resolution to go to Council May 4:** As Falcon Field continues to evolve as a successful and economically sustainable general aviation airport, there will be the need from time to time to create safety/efficiency-related rules that may impact and/or be of significant interest to a cross-section of airport stakeholders, including tenants, businesses, community members, the FAA, Council, etc. Because these types of rules must include a thorough stakeholder input process, the City is taking a resolution to Council on May 4 to clarify the City Manager's coordination responsibility and decision authority. This resolution helps to clarify the administrative decision-making process while also ensuring there is a comprehensive stakeholder/community outreach component.
3. **Falcon Field Master Plan going to Council May 7 & 18:** After more than two years of research, developing alternatives and ensuring comprehensive community reviews, the Falcon Field Airport Master Plan is scheduled to come forward for Council discussion at the May 7 study session and for possible action on May 18. A Master Plan is a proactive document that identifies and plans for future facility needs, while also remaining sensitive to the surrounding community's needs. A Master Plan does *not* establish aircraft flight patterns or who the tenants will be. It is *not* a noise study or a study of the airspace. The Master Plan also does *not* commit the City to build the recommended facilities. Rather, it is a plan that helps the City forecast future aviation demands and to plan for timely development of new or expanded facilities. As individual projects are deemed necessary and pursued, each proposal would include a public review and decision-making process.

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